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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action mailed 16 September 2004, consideration of the following remarks is solicited.

The undersigned Attorney certifies that this Document has been filed in the U.S. Post Office via fax to 703 872 9306 to the USPTO on 14 October 2004 (37 CFR 1.10).

Applicants' Attorney herein responds to the above Office Action requiring election of Group I, II or III. No additional fee is believed due as there are presented one addition to the total number of claims (21) as presented in the original filing; and one less independent claim (10) as presented in the original filing.

A new Power of Attorney is enclosed.